

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality



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Electronic Submittal

Deborah Jordan, Air Division Director U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX Air-1 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

SUBJECT:

Submittal of State of Arizona Exceptional Event Documentation for Wildfire influenced

Ozone on June 20, 2015 and Request for Concurrence

Dear Ms. Jordan:

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) hereby submits information regarding exceptional events that resulted in exceedances of the 24-hour Ozone (O₃) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) on June 20, 2015 in Maricopa, Pinal, and Gila Counties. The exceptional event analysis was developed through a joint effort by Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), EPA's Region 9 staff, and ADEQ.

As required by EPA's Exceptional Event Rule (40 CFR 50.14 (c)(3)(i)) and ADEQ Policy 2009.001, ADEQ made a copy of the demonstration available for public review for a 30-day public comment period beginning August 18, 2016. No comments were received during the comment period.

Enclosed with this letter are attachments containing electronic copies of the exceptional event demonstration and appendices, including the public notice announcing the 30-day comment period and the proof of publication. We are awaiting a copy of the Affidavit of Publication, which we can send as supplemental documentation once received, should EPA need it. The demonstration included in the attachments may also be retrieved from ADEQ's website at http://azdeq.gov/PN/o3 NAA.

ADEQ has determined that the analysis and supporting documentation conform to the Federal Exceptional Events Rule, EPA interim guidance documents, Proposed Rule Revisions, and the Guidance on the Preparation of Exceptional Events Demonstrations for Wildfire events that May Influence Ozone Concentrations. EPA's concurrence with this demonstration is both recommended and requested. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to EPA Region IX staff for their involvement in our process.

If you have any questions related to this request, please contact me at (602) 771-4684 or Brad Busby, Air Quality Assessment and Monitoring Section Manager, at (602) 771-7676.

Sincerely,

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